

ALFRED D. HOCH  
48 EDDIE AVENUE  
NORTH BABYLON, N. Y. 11703

MOhawk 7-3238

Jan. 1965

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for your very kind letter of Dec. 30. The Xerox copy of your 1775 Coin shows very nicely all the detail missing on mine & I appreciate ~~the~~ having it.

I ~~am~~ will have the exact title of the Rehobeth book in a day, as I purchased it for \$20.00. If by any remote chance you haven't seen it, I'd be happy to trade for something equal to what I paid for it. I will mail you the exact title in a day or so.

Ted does not plan to photograph his 1776 coin (he found another almost as good since). It is difficult for me to ask him about his willingness to send you the coin, a short note from you to him would be infinitely more informative & effective, if this would be possible.

Mr. Ralph Edson of Cheshire, Conn. mailed me the enclosed coin as a product of Machine Mills. I told him that I did not think so, but the piece is different from

the majority of English made counterfeit &  
I advised him that I would check it out  
with a specialist, I certainly do not intend  
to make it a habit of sending you coins which  
I do not believe to be significant, but I  
would appreciate your comment on this item,

Keep the negative as long as you like,

I just purchased the original Maine Historical  
Society article on the Coakley Hoard, of  
course I am 100 years behind the times but  
~175 Mass. Silver coins all at once is  
very exciting to read about, If I can  
find the place, maybe I can try out  
my surplus mine detector this summer,

Very sincerely,

Al Hoch

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P.S. The Book is:

"THE HISTORY OF REHOBOTH"

By Leonard Bliss, Jr.

Boston, 1836

Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178  
January 14, 1965

Mr. A. D. Hoch  
48 Eddie Avenue  
No. Babylon, New York 11703

Dear Al:

Please send me the Rehobeth book and I will be glad to send you something of equal value for it or buy it, or do whatever you want.

As you suggest, I will write to Ted if your negative can not be easily reduced.

There are a number of 1776 imitations which are of British origin and I believe the one you sent me is one of them. Of course it is entirely possible that it is dated 1775. It is not described in Batty but that work is unreliable and has no illustrations. The coin is returned herewith.

I understand that Lester Merkin was robbed and so he joins the club of victims.

I was most interested in your acquisition of the article on the Castine hoard. I presume you have the A.N.S. monograph on it. It is a fascinating story and with the mine detectors described in the "sunken ship" articles, it would be great to try to locate more of the hoard. I believe I have in my collection one piece from that hoard and I wish it could tell you where it and its brethren have been.

I am enclosing my most recent writing which you don't have to read, but at least look at the pictures.

I certainly wish I could find the imitation half pence which were taken in my October burglary and it wouldn't surprise me if eventually they are offered to either you or to Bob Vlack.

It is always a pleasure to hear from you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:m  
Enc.

February 19, 1965

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch

Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

You have been neglected because we have had a death in the family and hobby matters had to be put aside.

Rather than keep you waiting, I am sending you a check for \$20 for the Rehobath book which I believe has zero numismatic value. You were very nice to send the advertisement offering the same for \$22.50 and if you find any customer for it for over \$20 the profit is all yours and you can have the book back.

You were nice enough to lend me your negatives of the imitation halfpence which you acquired and sold and I have had prints made from them. Eventually you will get an acknowledgment in my book on the subject - when the book is written - but, right now, I give you personal and direct appreciation.

Speaking of imitation halfpence, it has been called to my attention by Ned Barnsley that a "nicker" used them. Naturally, I did not know what a nicker was and I find that these were the drunken street bums who, to demonstrate their delinquency, threw halfpence at people's windows to break the windows. Maybe that is why some of these halfpence are so hard to find.

I am slugging away on a Colonial Paper Money Catalogue and just finished your beloved Massachusetts. It was a real workout to read all of the material and rework all of the major collections of it.

As a "token" of appreciation, I am sending you a Lutwyche farthing token which has on it an eighteenth century coining press. Since there are some dies laying next to the press, I suggest you use it for striking a few coins for me.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.O.Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

EPN/atb

ALFRED D. HOCH  
48 EDDIE AVENUE  
NORTH BABYLON, N. Y. 11703

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MOhawk 7-3238

April 9, 1965

Dear Mr. Newman:

I hope you received my letter re: your need for information on the Lord Stirling notes and I hope you were not angry at my decision to not accept payment for the Rehoboth book.

I just received my \$7.50 reprint of Nettles "The ~~American~~ Money Supply of the American Colonies before 1720" and am impressed. As you probably know, it was recently reprinted by a NY bookman.

I am writing to send you the enclosed ad which offers another(?) Rehoboth book.

Very sincerely,

  
Alfred Hoch

April 12, 1965

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch

Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

The reason I did not thank you for the information on the Hibernia Furnace notes was that I am not willing to take the Rehoboth book from you on the basis I have it. You wanted to make me a present of it, which is not satisfactory. May I return it to you for you to sell? This is not a question of lack of appreciation - this is merely a question that it does not belong in my library.

I, like you, was very glad to get the reprint of the Nettels. I had worked with his book for many years without ever owning a copy.

As far as the Bowen book, which is offered for sale, I have used this in my Colonial Currency Catalog, in process, and will try to buy it because I don't own it. However, it has a short section relating to counterfeiting but has absolutely nothing relating to copper coinage.

When I next come to New York I want to see you and chat a while. Unfortunately, I, like you, have a full work load in addition to numismatics and cannot keep up with all the things I want to do.

Thanks, again, for being so nice.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

ALFRED D. HOCH  
48 EDDIE AVENUE  
NORTH BABYLON, N. Y. 11703

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MOhawk 7-3238

April 23, 1965

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 12.

Yes, return the book if you like.

I look forward to the opportunity of talking with you  
when you come to NYC, if your schedule permits.

Sincerely,



June 15, 1965

## MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Al Hoch

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

It was a pleasure talking to you, as always, and I am enclosing photocopies of the most formidable list of counterfeits you ever heard of. It is almost unbelievable that there could be so many counterfeits on the Bank of the United States. This will enable you to check yours.

I look forward to receiving photocopies of those and the Federal requisition and hope we can do business on some of them.

My very kindest regards,

EPN/atb



June 17, 1965

## MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Al Hoch

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

Thank you for sending me the photocopies of the notes. I presume you saw that the \$5 note No. 3537 was marked "counterfeit". It seems to me that all of the others are counterfeit, also. Apparently they added different plate letters in printing the counterfeits and then filled in whatever discount office they felt like.

I do not have the \$10 counterfeit drawn on St. Louis and would like to purchase it.

I also would like to purchase the Requisition \$2 note. Would you be nice enough to quote these to me.

I sincerely hope you have recovered from the shock of seeing the enormous list of Bank of the United States counterfeits which were listed in 1836. This does not include the counterfeits of the First Bank of the United States.

Apparently the counterfeiters changed the letters and the branches and the payees and the numbering so that the bankers must have been in a complete furor for a long time. Obviously new plates would not have been made for each of the separate counterfeits.

Cordially,

EPN/atb

17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York  
July 27, 1965

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thanks for your note of July 18. I would still like to trade the St. Louis Bank of the U.S. for 3 rare transportation tokens. I am sorry for not being more explicit. I should have said 3 tokens which catalog for \$7.50<sup>83</sup>. In the second edition of Atwood's Catalog on Transportation Tokens.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing the note for your examination. It seems to me a very skillfully make counterfeit, at least compared to many I have seen.

The Deseret note is of \$1 denomination.

I have obtained a copy of the Record of the Proceedings of Congress for the date of issue of the warrent, but have not yet learned enough to price it. Will write regarding this as soon as possible.

I think I found a new (to Vlack) American made counterfeit halfpence. I am having it photographed and will send you a print soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Al' or 'All', written in a cursive style.

17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York  
August 11, 1965

Dear Mr. Newman:

Hope you received the St. Louis Bank of the U.S.  
note in good shape for examination.

I have established a price of \$400 for the 1785  
\$2 Federal Requisition. Since this price is probably  
prohibitively high, I will lower it after the ANA  
convention, at which time I will offer it to Percy  
at that price, if we do not trade for it before then.

I hope this high price will not cause any hard  
feelings.

Believe it or not, the photographer LOST that new  
imitation half pence I wrote about. Nothing left to  
prove that it was what I thought--an American-made  
1775 British half pence, both dies of which did not  
exist on Vlack's plate.

Very truly yours,

*W. H. H.*

August 13, 1965

Mr. Al Hoch

Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

The reason you have not heard from me is because I had to buy a book on transportation tokens and just received it. I will now undertake to find the tokens you want and will see to it that you get them; it may be that it will take place after my vacation.

The 1785 Requisition is yours and you can set any price you want for it. It certainly will not bother me or our relationship. Things of this sort have any price that a buyer and a seller want to agree on.

I can hardly believe that your photographer lost the new imitation halfpence. Perhaps it was not new, after all, even though Bob did not have it on his plate. There are many others Bob did not have on those plates. Did the photographer lose it before he took the picture, or afterwards? If he lost it on the street, someone is going to pick it up and sell it to someone else.

It is rather strange, but an English dealer is advertising restrikes of \$1 and \$2½ U. S. gold pieces. This is a new twist in order to sell counterfeits.

I am sorry I will not be able to see you in Houston but I hope you have a very successful time.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

P.O.Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York  
August 18, 1965

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your last letter of August 13.

I assume you did receive the Bank of US note. I am sorry for not suspecting that you didn't have Atwood's Catalog--I would have been happy to get you one at a discount.

Yes, it does sound strange about my photographer losing the imitation halfpence. Absolutely true, however. I don't quite know how to answer your question, "Did the photographer lose it before he took the picture, or afterwards?" Unfortunately, he lost it before he could make a picture. I guess I will never know unless I can remember it long enough to compare it to the pictures in your forthcoming work.

Sincerely,

*all Hork*

48 EDDIE AVE,  
NO. BABYLON, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Very nice talking with you again, & appreciate  
your authentication of the Bank of U.S. notes  
and am enclosing Xerox copies per our  
discussion, for this purpose.

Sincerely,

Al Horb

17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York  
September 24, 1965

Dear Mr. Newman:

Mr. Rideout did not come to Houston so I was unable to show him the 1785 requisition. I understand that he is now seriously ill in a Boston hospital and that his stolen material is being openly sold in the Boston area.

I would like to finalize the trade on the St. Louis Bank of the U.S. note as soon as it is convenient for you.

Generally, I try to make the same mistake only once. I recently made the same one twice. I once made the bad judgment of showing Breen, at a California convention, the 1785 plate of Connecticut dies which I made up. I think this provoked a classic exchange between you and him. At Houston, I again made the mistake of showing him a plate, this time Vlack's Machin Mills plate, to which he promptly wrote Vlack some sort of profane letter because he didn't get one. Now I hear that Vlack is going to punish me for "telling" by giving Breen my set of the soon-to-be-issued revised Machin plate.

Do you, by any chance, happen to own a photograph which pictures three or four Hibernia Furnace notes which were supposed to exist in the Spiro collection? I am going to finally publish a little blurb on this issue and would like to track this item down if possible.

Very truly yours,



Alfred D. Hoch

October 5, 1965

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch

Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

When I was on vacation I got malaria and I have been slowed up in getting back to my normal activities. My wife and I had a wonderful time in Central Africa seeing animals and talking with the people.

I do not have any photographs of the Hibernia Furnace notes in the Spiro collection but if those went to the American Antiquarian Society then their pictures can be readily obtained. I have only one note in my collection.

I think you are trying to laugh about all the problems which came up from showing pictures of coins to Breen. All these petty jealousies are human nature and I think Bob is just teasing you about the revised set of Machins prints.

I am sorry there has been such a delay on the Bank of U.S. note which you were nice enough to send me and I am still looking for some transportation tokens of the rare types which you want. If you will take money, instead, it will suit me very well.

I have finished the body of my work on Colonial Paper Money and typesetting will begin shortly. It looks like I will have illustrations of about 600 notes, holding them to one for each issue, unless there are more than one size of note.

I am shocked by your statement that Rideout's stolen material is being openly sold in Boston. It probably has gotten so bad that if material offered for sale is not stolen goods then it has no appeal to the collector. Can you imagine what all this stolen material will do for pedigrees!

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EPN/atb



MEMORANDUM

October 7, 1965

TO Mr. Al Hoch

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

My old memoranda showed that the Chase Manhattan Bank Money Museum has photographs of a Hibernia Furnace 5 shilling, Plate B, and 10 shillings, Plate A.

I am enclosing the text which I am using in my book.

Sincerely,

EPN/s tb

17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York  
October 14, 1965

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for the information on the photograph of the Hibernia notes at Chase Manhattan Bank. I will write to them. I am trying to establish the arrangement of the notes on the sheets from the serial numbers and plate letters.

I have checked further into the rumor that Percy's coins are being sold in Boston and cannot get any corroboration. Guess I should not pass on any rumors without hard facts.

If there is a possibility of still getting a trade for the Bank of US note, I am willing to reduce my requirement from three to two rare (cat. \$7,50) transportation tokens for it. I prefer to trade rather than sell.

I look forward with anticipation to your forthcoming work on Colonial paper.

Enclosed find a free beat-up St. Louis counterfeit.

Very truly yours,

*ce Hoch*

17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York  
December 28, 1965

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your recent note. I am very sorry to hear that Mrs. Newman has been ill and I sincerely hope that she recovers completely and your home returns to normal.

I would be happy to handle anything you suggest on a consignment basis whenever the occasion arises. When you write again please let me know what percentage I return to you after the sale is made. I do not know what is customary.

I have been quite active Numismatically in the last 6 months. I should have written you more often for advice probably. I initiated and produced the TAMS reprint of Crosby, 1000 copies, and over half have been sold already. Also have had quite a bit of obsolete paper money and tokens for sale but nothing too spectacular. I have an interesting lot of Hard Times Tokens which I am selling via mail bid in the January Scrapbook.

I have some rare, out-of-print pamphlets ~~bx~~ which we may be able to work a trade on later on.

I look forward to your Catalog on Colonial Paper Money.

When things get back to normal for you, please let me know your feelings on the notes I sent you with respect to the trade which I proposed.

Do you have a copy of the pamphlet "Mathew Boulton's Obaheite Medal"?

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,



Alfred D. Hoch

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17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York

Dear Eric:

It was again a great pleasure talking with you last evening.

I made several long distance calls regarding the two great obsolete notes you offered for trade for the 1785 Tax Note. I gave the issue a great amount of thought and have decided that these particular notes would not be satisfactory for a trade.

I am fully aware that you have spent a great amount of your valuable time in locating these notes for me and I only hope that this decision will not cause any problem in our future relationship.

Thank you for everything.

Sincerely



Alfred D. Hoch

January 25, 1966

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch

Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

I do not have any reference to a 5 shilling Plate C of Hibernia. This was merely an assumption based upon a theory I have now discarded. I am enclosing the memorandum I told you about although this, too, may be wrong.

As to the exchange, there is no problem, as I insist upon you being quite satisfied. The only alternates I could now suggest is that I have a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ Alabama Territory item or a St. Louis Post Office 75¢ Scrip piece of 1819, partly in French. You could also tell me which of the items caused the difficulty in the exchange - the sutler note or the territorialnote.

I am enclosing a "silent" territorial, in nice condition, which you might consider in exchange for the counterfeit Bank of the United States item. If not satisfactory, please return it.

Don't hesitate, at any time, to tell me what things might be worth while in the exchange for the 1785 item as I would like to figure out a way to make it, which would be satisfactory to both of us.

I am sorry that you are disappointed in your engineering work and hope that you can find a spot which uses your abilities to the fullest extent and rewards you accordingly.

Cordially,

EPN  
atb

February 4, 1966

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch

Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

I find I have a duplicate of a 1771 Machins piece.

I also have a duplicate of a 1776 imitation which may be American, and which date has a particular significance.

I would offer both in exchange for the counterfeit Bank of the United States if that would please you. I will send them on for your inspection if you wish to see them.

With respect to the 1785 requisitions, I had forgotten that I had any and succeeded in locating a \$25 and a \$1 55/90ths.

That does not stop my interest in the one you have.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York  
February 6, 1966

Dear Eric:

Yes, I am interested in the 1771 Machins piece in trade for the St. Louis Bank of U.S. note. Before you send it could you tell me if it is on Vlack's plate or not? I would like to trade for a single piece, say VG condition, which is definitely American but not on Vlack's plate.

I am sorry to say that I am not interested in the 1776 piece which may be American.

Thanks for everything.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'all' or a similar stylized name.

February 11, 1966

Mr. Al Hoch

Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

I am enclosing the 1771 Machins Mills halfpenny which you expressed an interest in. It was originally described in the 1958 article I wrote on the Vermont enigma. It is particularly convincing because of the bust punch, letter punches, and border dentilation.

I think you need a little more than this for your note but I leave that up to you.

Kindest regards,

EPN/stb



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17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York  
February 25, 1966

Dear Eric:

I appreciate your sending the 1771 American Made Imitation Copper but I am sorry to say that this is already listed on Vlack's Plate as 2-B and I want to trade for one which is not on his ~~pa~~ plate.

I am sorry for not getting back to you sooner but I am in the midst of Job hunting and have gotten way behind on my numismatic deals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'E' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

March 7, 1966

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch

Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

Now, I think, I have something nice for you---an unlisted 1776 Machins and it is enclosed. It has the identical obverse as the 1772 Machins listed in Vlack's book. I didn't think I had a duplicate but I found it with my first team group at the bank. It has the tell-tale lettering and the serrated border.

This is particularly unusual because of the 1776 date. I know of no Machins dated 1776 in any collection except my own. I have the variety I wrote up in 1958 and this variety. You can get Ted's lather worked up on this and you deserve it after all I have put you through. All's well that ends well, I hope.

Now will you forgive me.

Sincerely,

EPN  
atb

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch  
17 Eva Path, Commack, New York

17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York  
March 15, 1966

Bear Eric:

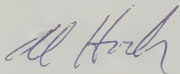
Thanks for sending the 1776 Machin. I am sorry to say that the piece is on Vlack's plate as a 1771 (Mis-identified as to date) Number 3-C. It is the same ~~same~~ dies as the photo of an EF one I sent to you last year of an early die state.

I believe my information is correct(I hope it is) and regret that this precludes a trade for this piece.

Please keep me in mind for candidates for a possible trade for the Cpunterfeit Bank of U.S. Note.

I am moving the New England this week and will write re: my new address soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Horch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "M" being particularly large and stylized.

April 4, 1966

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Al Hoch

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

I am waiting for your new address so I can send you a new  
Machins Mills piece.

Hope your new position works out well.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York

Harvard Road  
Stow, Massachusetts  
01775

Dear Eric:

Finally got settled in good olde N.E. and now will try to get into ~~xxxxx~~ the Colonial Money field again. I am sorry for not writing sooner regarding my new address, but things certainly have been hectic.

I would very much like to see your latest Machin as a candidate for trade ~~fr~~ for the Bank of U.S. Counterfeit.

I expect to do well on finds of New Machin pieces here and will certainly keep ~~xp~~ you informed about them.

Sincerely,

al hoch

April 18, 1966

Mr. Al Hoch

Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

I am now enclosing a rare variety of the 1787  
Machins Mills. It has the same reverse as Ryder 13; however,  
the obverse is similar to a common obverse but you will notice  
that the first G of GEORGIVS is very close to the bust and the  
S is in a different position relative to the hair than the  
commoner item. It may be that the die was recut, but I doubt  
it, as I believe this is a different die than the one commonly  
seen.

Good luck in your new home and I hope your new  
position meets all of your requirements.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

E/PN/atb

Harvard Road  
Stow, Massachusetts  
May 9, 1966

Dear Eric:

Thanks you for sending the last Machins piece. According to my sources of information there are at least 4 known of this but since Ted ~~xxxx~~ does not have have it, the trade is acceptable.

I appreciate your patience, but since I paid 35.00 for the note I traded you, ~~xxx~~ it was important to me to minimize my loss.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



al hoch

May 23, 1966

Mr. Al Hoch

Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

Because of the extensive correspondence and negotiation we had on the exchange of the Machins piece for the Bank of the United States counterfeit item, I feel as though you went beyond the call of duty and am enclosing herewith, as a Memorial Day present, a \$10 Bank of Missouri Territorial piece, for you, with no strings attached.

There is one piece of information I need from you. I cannot find any copy of COLONIAL NEWS LETTER NO. 8 in my file. This is the last one you put out of the small size before Spilman took over. Do you have an extra copy, or may I borrow your copy and photocopy it? I checked with Kenneth Bressett and he, apparently, did not get a copy either. I wrote to Spilman and Spilman has not been able to untangle the situation. If you don't have it, then the answer is simple; it was never issued. Will you please enlighten me.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb



Harvard Road  
Stow, Massachusetts  
May 31, 1966

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter of May 23 and the kind gift of the \$10 Missouri Territory Note. It is very much appreciated.

I have searched extensively for a Colonial Newsletter No. 8 and am of the opinion that none was ever issued. I believe the last one I issued was Serial Number 7. I think Spilman was in error in starting with serial No. 9.

I vaguely remembered Spilman mentioning in one of his issues that this discrepancy existed, but cannot now find it.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more positive help in this matter.

Enclosed find an interesting St. Louis advertising Note which I hope you do not already have in your collection, gratis.

Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AC' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Harvard Road  
Stow, Mass.  
01775  
July 10, 1966

Dear Eric;

Thank you very much for your letter of June 24. I appreciate the information very much.

The publication which I referred to of the Philadelphia Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of 1913 is available at no charge, should you like to have it in your library.

If the advertising note which I sent does not fit into your Missouri Obsolete Paper Money collection, please let me know and I will find something else.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. H. H. H." or similar, written in a cursive style.

July 21, 1966

## MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Al Hoch

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

I do not have in my library any of the publications of the Philadelphia Numismatic and Antiquarian Society and would very much like to have them. Do you have a set, or do you have only the 1913 item? In any event, send me what you can and I will send you something which I hope will interest you.

The advertising note is appreciated and because it is a St. Louis item I will get pleasure out of it. I did not expect anything and certainly appreciate your cooperation.

Will I see you at the A.N.A. Convention in Chicago?

Cordially,

EPN/atb

June 24, 1966

Mr. Al Hoch  
Harvard Road  
Stow, Massachusetts 01775

Dear Al:

As requested, I am returning the photocopy of the American Colonization Society \$1 note. I have never seen this before.

However, the statement which the gentleman makes with respect to the Maryland State Colonization Society is inaccurate. I have a 5¢ note, in my own collection, of the Maryland Society and there are a number of others illustrated in the October, 1962 SCRAPBOOK MAGAZINE which has an article on the subject. These notes are issued in Liberia and interesting to American collectors. I have no idea of the value of such a piece.

With respect to your advising me about the lead and tin coins of 1696/8, I believe that I already published the source of this comment and enclose herewith a photocopy of my publication relating to the 1/24th real. Thank you for calling it to my attention, in any event, as I did not know of this particular comment on it.

I do not have in my library the Philadelphia publication you referred to in order to decide whether I look like Captain Cook but, if I do, God help Captain Cook.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EEN/atb

Harvard Road  
Stow, Massachusetts  
01775

Dear Eric:

Enclosed please find a poor copy of an obsolete note which has been promised to me for some time.

I hate to bother you for your opinion on obsolete paper money but I feel that there is an outside chance that this item is an important bit of numismatic americana.

The fellow who sent it claims that 2 groups in America were responsible for organizing colonies in Liberia; the American Colonization Society and a Maryland Society of some sort. The Maryland Society issued paper money ~~of~~ which all were destroyed and the fellow states that this is the only specimen of the notes of American Colonization Society that he knows of.

It is interesting to note that the Liberian Coin (Voeman No. 1) also has the inscription "American Colonization Society".

I would value any comments you might have on this note and your opinion as to its merit as important ~~in~~ numismatic americana.

Sincerely,



17 Eva Path  
Commack, N.Y.

Dear ~~XX~~ Mr. Newman:

New address as above as of July 1st.

I very much appreciate your attribution of the Bank of US notes as counterfeits. I should learn to be more critical.

I feel that a cash price I would put on the St. Louis Bank of United States counterfeit may be too high ~~xx~~ so I would like to propose a possible trade first for something I am eager to obtain.

I would trade it for 3 rare <sup>US</sup> transportation or fare tokens.

I have not yet been able to get a price on the 1785 item, but am actively working on it and will write again shortly.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

*Al Hoh*

PS. Could you use a set of 5 Bank of Hamilton Canada Specimen notes on regular paper of 1892. Denominations \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Asking \$900.00.

17 Eva Path  
Commack, New York  
July 12, 1965

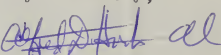
Dear Mr. Newman:

I hope you received my last letter and I hope you did not mind my suggestion of a trade for the \$10 St. Louis counterfeit for transportation tokens.

My asking cash price of the St. Louis note is \$75. Its condition is very fine in my opinion. I have not yet checked the records of the Continental Congress for 1785 and will have to write later regarding my quotation on the 1785 note which you requested.

Just picked up a Deseret Currency Association note signed by Brigham Young, typeset, plate A, March 4, 1858.

Very sincerely,

  
Alfred D. Hoch

July 16, 1965

## MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Al Hoch

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Al,

I haven't any idea what Transportation Tokens are rare. If you could give me a little more detail maybe I could find what you want.

I look forward to hearing from you on the 1785 note and you might tell me what denomination of the Deseret currency you have.

My kindest personal regards,

EPN/atb



Harvard Road  
Stow, Mass.  
August 16, 1966

Dear Eric:

Sorry for the long delay in answer to your communication of July 21.

I am sending the 1913 Philadelphia Numismatic & Antiquarian Publication under separate cover. It did not cost me much, and I could never sell it since there is no demand, so please keep it gratis.

I am sorry to say that is the only volume I have,

Sorry that I will not make it to ANA this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'ae' or a similar stylized monogram.

August 25, 1966

Mr. Al Hoch

Eric P. Newman

Dear Al:

You were very nice to send me the Philadelphia Numismatic Proceedings. I shall read them with great interest.

I was in Chicago for the convention and saw that you were re-elected to do some more work in numismatics.

I learned a great deal while I was in Chicago, particularly when I was at a meeting of standardizing definitions.

There were so many cocktail parties that I wondered what was the primary purpose of the convention.

The best joke I heard was that a fellow had to go to the doctor and when he read the office hours as posted on the door, namely, 11 to 1, he decided that wasn't good enough odds, and left.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb